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In re application of: **BLACK, Robert Paul**  
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Title: **FILLING COMPRISING A POLYESTER FIBRE**

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered.

**In the claims:**

2. [A] The non-woven blend [as claimed in] of claim 1 wherein the polyester filling fibre is a polyethyleneterephthalate fibre.

3. [A] The non-woven blend [as claimed in claim 1 or 2] of claim 1 wherein the cellulosic fibre is lyocell.

4. [A] The non-woven blend [as claimed in any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 comprising, by weight, no more than 80% of the cellulosic fibre.

5. [A] The non-woven blend [as claimed in any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 wherein the cellulosic fibre is present in an amount, by weight, of from 10-60% of the blend.

6. [A] The non-woven blend [as claimed in any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 wherein the cellulosic fibre is present in an amount, by weight, of from 20-60% of the blend.

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